

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) An astragal assembly for attachment to a passive door having an interior surface, an exterior surface opposite to the interior surface, and an outer edge extending from the exterior surface to the interior surface, comprising:

a frame ~~metallic rail~~ having an exterior portion, an interior portion spaced from and opposed to the exterior portion, and a side portion extending between the exterior portion and the interior portion disposed opposite the outer edge of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto, ~~a spacer extending outwardly from a major surface of the side portion and having a distal end to maintain an air gap between a surface of the outer edge of the passive door and the side portion of the metallic rail when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto to allow air flow between the outer edge of the passive door and the side portion of the metallic rail,~~ a gasket interconnected between said exterior portion and said side portion, an interior flange extending away from where said interior portion meets said side portion to engage the interior surface of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto, and an exterior flange opposite said interior flange and extending away from where said exterior portion is connected to ~~meets said gasket side portion~~ to engage the exterior surface of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto, and a spacer having a distal end protruding outwardly from a major surface of the side portion in a direction that is substantially parallel to the interior flange and substantially perpendicular to said major surface for preventing the outer edge of the passive door from contacting the major surface of the side portion of the frame and for allowing air flow between the outer edge of the passive door and the side portion of the frame when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto, wherein an elongated open channel is defined in the ~~frame~~ metallic rail with sides formed by the exterior portion and the interior portion and a base formed by the side portion, the elongated open channel having an opening extending between the exterior portion and the interior portion and opposed to the side portion; and

a wooden insert retained within the elongated open channel in the ~~frame~~metallie rail.

2. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the wooden insert extends substantially the entire length of the elongated open channel.

3. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the wooden insert is a solid piece of wood.

4. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the wooden insert comprises multiple pieces of wooden strips secured within the elongated open channel.

5. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the wooden insert is elongated and symmetrical about a longitudinal axis.

6. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the frame comprises at least one extruded aluminum ~~metallie-rail includes extruded~~ aluminum.

7. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the frame comprises at least one metallic rail ~~comprises aluminum~~.

8. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, further comprising hardware attached to the wooden insert.

9. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 8, wherein the hardware includes a strike plate.

10. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 8, wherein the hardware directly contacts the wooden insert.

11. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the ~~interior portion includes an~~said interior flange ~~that extends past the side portion for overlapping an~~the interior surface of the passive door.

12. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the exterior portion includes a stop that extends from one side thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 12, further comprising a second gasket secured to the stop.

14. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein ~~the exterior portion includes an~~said exterior flange ~~that extends past the side portion for overlapping an~~the exterior surface of the passive door.

15. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 1, ~~wherein the exterior portion includes an exterior flange and the interior portion includes an interior flange, wherein the exterior flange and the interior flange extend past the side portion to define a door edge receiving opening.~~

16. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the exterior portion includes a hollow elongate tubular section, wherein the channel is formed between the interior portion and the hollow elongate tubular section.

17. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the side portion includes a thermal break.

18. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the side portion includes preformed openings to receive fasteners for connecting the astragal to the passive door.

19. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the exterior portion and the interior portion each have a hook that extends into the channel and retains the wooden insert.

20. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the wooden insert includes a first piece having a width substantially equal to a distance between the exterior portion and the interior portion and a second piece abutting the side portion.

21. (Original) The astragal assembly of claim 20, wherein the second piece has a width less than the width of the first piece.

22. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 1, in combination with a double door system including ~~an~~the active door and ~~the~~a-passive door, wherein the side portion of the astragal assembly is fastened to the passive door.

23. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A door assembly, comprising:

a passive door having an interior surface, an exterior surface opposite to the interior surface, and an outer edge extending from the exterior surface to the interior surface;

an active door having an outer edge, wherein the active door is mounted for movement between an open position and a closed position in which the outer edge is aligned with the outer edge of the passive door;

an astragal coupled to the outer edge of the passive door, wherein the astragal includes a ~~metallic-railframe~~ having an exterior portion, an interior portion spaced from and opposed to the exterior portion, and a side portion ~~that extends~~extending between the exterior portion and the interior portion ~~disposed opposite the outer edge of the passive door~~, a gasket interconnected between said exterior portion and said side portion, an interior flange extending away from where said interior portion meets said side portion to engage the interior surface of the passive door, and an exterior flange opposite said interior flange and extending away from where said exterior portion is connected to said gasket to engage the exterior surface of the passive door, and a spacer having a distal end protruding ~~extending~~ outwardly from a major surface of the side portion in a direction that is substantially parallel to the interior flange and substantially perpendicular to said major surface for ~~preventing away from the exterior portion and the interior portion of the metallic rail and having a distal end that maintains an air gap between a surface of the outer edge of the passive door and from contacting the major surface of the side portion of the metallic-railframe and for allowing to allow air flow~~ between the outer edge of the passive door and the side portion of the ~~metallic-railframe~~,

wherein an elongated open channel is defined in the ~~metallie rail~~frame with sides formed by the exterior portion and the interior portion and a base formed by the side portion, ~~wherein the elongated open channel having has an opening extending between the exterior portion and the interior portion and opposed to the side portion, the opening facing away from the outer edge of the passive door, and wherein a wooden insert is retained within the elongated open channel in the metallie rail~~frame that faces the active door in the closed position.

24. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The door assembly of claim 23, wherein ~~the astragal includes an interior flange extending from the interior portion and an exterior flange extending from the exterior portion such that the outer edge of the passive door is clamped between the interior flange and the exterior flange.~~

25. (Withdrawn) The door assembly of claim 23, wherein the exterior portion includes a hollow section.

26. (Withdrawn) The door assembly of claim 23, wherein the side portion includes a thermal break.

27. (Withdrawn) The door assembly of claim 23, further comprising door hardware coupled to the wooden insert.

28. (Withdrawn) The door assembly of claim 27, wherein the hardware includes a strike plate.

29. (Withdrawn) The door assembly of claim 23, wherein the wooden insert has a U-shaped cross section.

30. (Withdrawn) The door assembly of claim 23, further comprising a fastener extending through the wooden insert and the side portion into the outer edge of the passive door.

31. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The door assembly of claim 23, further comprising a second gasket coupled to the exterior portion of the astragal that abuts the active door in the closed position.

32. (Currently Amended) An astragal comprising:

a frame including an extruded aluminum rail with an exterior portion, an exterior flange extending from a first side of said exterior portion, and a stop extending from a second side of said exterior portion opposite to the first side, an interior portion spaced from and opposed to the exterior portion, an interior flange extending from ~~the second side of~~ said interior portion opposite from and substantially parallel to said exterior flange, and a side portion extending between where the exterior portion meets said exterior flange and where the interior portion meets said interior flange, a gasket interconnected between said side portion having and said exterior portion, a fastening formation disposed on a major surface of the side portion, and a spacer extending having a distal end protruding from the major surface of the side portion in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to the major outwardly from a surface thereof and substantially parallel to said interior flange; and

an insert member retained substantially within a channel in the frame ~~extruded aluminum rail~~ formed by the exterior portion, the interior portion and the side portion, wherein the insert presents an outer surface for attachment to hardware, and the spacer extends away from the channel.

33. (Previously Presented) The astragal of claim 32, wherein the exterior portion includes a hollow section and a hook extending into the channel that retains the insert member.

34. (Previously Presented) The astragal of claim 32, wherein the interior portion includes a thin wall with a hook extending into the channel that retains the insert member.

35. (Original) The astragal of claim 32, wherein the side portion includes a thermal break.

36. (Previously Presented) The astragal of claim 32, wherein the insert member is wooden.

37. (Previously Presented) The astragal of claim 32, further comprising a strike plate secured to the insert member.

38. (Currently Amended) The astragal of claim 32, wherein the ~~extruded aluminum rail~~frame has a generally U-shaped cross section, with the side portion including a fastening formation that attaches to a door edge such that the U-shaped cross section faces outward from the door edge.

39. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the side portion is arranged substantially parallel to the outer edge of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto, and the exterior portion and interior portion extend away from the outer edge of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto.

40. (Currently Amended) An astragal assembly for attachment to a passive door having an interior surface, an exterior surface opposite to the interior surface, and an outer edge extending between the exterior surface and the interior surface, the assembly comprising:

a metallic frame fixable to the exterior surface and the interior surface of the passive door, the metallic frame having an exterior portion adjacent to the exterior surface of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto, an interior portion adjacent to the interior surface of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto, a side portion extending between the exterior portion and the interior portion of the metallic frame and opposite to the outer edge of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed to the passive door, a gasket interconnected between the

exterior portion and the side portion, an interior flange extending from where said interior portion meets said side portion to engage the interior surface of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed to the passive door, and an exterior flange extending from where said exterior portion is connected to said gasket -meets said side portion to engage the exterior surface of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed to the passive door, the interior and exterior flanges spaced apart to accommodate for accommodating an outer edge of the passive door therebetween, the interior portion, the exterior portion, and the side portion forming an opening in the metallic frame which faces away from the outer edge of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto;-and

a wooden insert disposed in the metallic frame between the interior portion, the exterior portion, and the side portion thereof; and

at least one elongated spacer extending directly from said side portion and having a distal end that engages said wooden insert, said at least one spacer maintaining said wooden insert in position within said opening.

41. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 40, wherein the metallic frame further comprises an outer a-spacer having a distal end extending from the side portion in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to the side portion and substantially parallel to the interior flange for preventing the outer end of the passive door from contacting the side portion of the frame and for allowing air to flow toward the outer edge of the passive door to maintain an air gap between the side portion and the outer edge of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto.

42. (Currently Amended) An astragal assembly usable with an active door and a passive door having an exterior surface, an interior surface opposite to the exterior surface, and an outer end disposed between the exterior surface and the interior surface, the assembly comprising:



a frame including an interior portion, an exterior portion spaced apart from and opposed to the interior portion, a side portion extending between the interior portion and the exterior portion opposite to the outer end of the passive door when the astragal assembly is attached thereto, a gasket interconnected between the exterior portion and the side portion, an interior flange extending from where the interior portion meets the side portion to engage the interior surface of the passive door when the astragal assembly is attached thereto, an exterior flange extending from where the exterior portion meets the side portion engasket to engage the exterior surface of the passive door when the astragal assembly is attached thereto, a channel formed by the exterior portion, the interior portion, and the side portion of the frame, and a door stop extending from the exterior portion of the frame on the opposite side from where the exterior flange is located, said door stop for engaging the active door when the astragal assembly is attached to the passive door; and

at least one spacer having a distal end protruding from a major surface of the side portion in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to the major surface and substantially parallel to said interior flange, said at least one spacer for preventing the outer end of the passive door from contacting the major surface of said side portion when the astragal assembly is attached thereto; and

an insert member disposed in the channel and having a surface exposed to the active door when the astragal assembly is attached to the passive door.

43. (Previously Presented) The astragal assembly of claim 42, wherein the interior portion and the exterior portion extend away from the outer end of the passive door when the astragal assembly is affixed thereto, and said side portion is disposed opposite the outer end of the passive door when said interior and exterior flanges of the frame are disposed on the interior and exterior surfaces of the passive door, respectively.

44. (Cancelled).

45. (Previously Presented) The astragal assembly of claim 42, wherein the insert member is wooden and the frame is metallic.

46. (Previously Presented) The astragal assembly of claim 40, further comprising:

a hardware component disposed in the wooden insert at the opening in the metallic frame.

47. (Currently Amended) The astragal assembly of claim 1, wherein the spacer is an elongated member ~~extending outwardly from the major surface of the side portion in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to the major surface of the side portion.~~

48. (Previously Presented) The astragal assembly of claim 40, wherein the interior flange and the exterior flange extend substantially perpendicular to a major surface of the side portion.